IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of BUERGELT et al. Confirmation No: 3776

Application No. 10/802,197 Examiner: OGUNBIYI, O. A.

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DIAGNOSING BOVINE

PARATUBERCULOSIS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 17, 2006 and is being timely filed within the shortened statutory period. Although Applicants believe no extensions of time are required, the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge the amount due for any retroactive extensions of time and any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment in any fees paid on the filing or during prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.